

terms of Distributorship Agreement/Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG).

Inquiry against G.M. (North) BPC

649. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether BPC is having its principal and registered office at Mumbai and not in the capital;
- (b) whether Memorandum and Article of Association has given all powers and rights to the Chairman and functional directors who further delegate them to the ED, GM and territory Manager;
- (c) whether corporation/Government have conducted enquiry against GM (North) for the allegations made by HPDA, if so, the name of the enquiry officer and date of commencement of said enquiry;
- (d) if not, the reasons thereof; and
- (e) whether the said officer would be given promotion only after the clearance of all allegations against him?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) HPDA had made certain allegations against GM (Retail) North of BPCL. No formal investigations were carried out because it was felt by the competent authority that the allegations were *prima facie* baseless.

(e) Since the allegation were found to be baseless they would not have any bearing on the promotion of officer.

Charges on Payments made by Dealers of Petrol and Diesel

650. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have decided to direct oil corporations to pay Rs.16/- PKL and Rs.40/- PKL on HSD and petrol respectively to compensate such dealers making payment through draft and to

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charge Rs.15/- per kilolitre and Rs.37/- per kilolitre on HSD and petrol respectively from such dealers who makes the payment through cheques;

(b) whether the oil corporations are collecting above charges from the local dealers on cheque facility and are adversely affecting their financial position; and

(c) if so, the reasons for discrimination and by when it would be rectified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) The dealers making payment through demand draft are compensated at the rate of Rs.16 per kilolitre for HSD and Rs.40 per kilolitre for MS. No amount is charged by the oil companies from the dealers who make payments through cheques.

Demand and Supply of CNG

651. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan to make easy availability of C.N.G. all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have made any study to assess the demand and supply of C.N.G. in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps proposed by Government to fulfil the demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Due to logistic, operational and supply constraints, it is not feasible to make CNG available throughout the country.

(c) to (e) Does not arise in view of above.